Production of petroleum products

2552. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any efforts for making the petroleum sector as of international standard;

(b) if so, the results achieved therefrom;

(c) the details of the expenditure and the progress made in modernisation and extension of the existing refineries during the current year; and

(d) the total production of petroleum products in the current year in the country and its percentage rise, as compared to the last year, and the details of annual expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) A 'Strategic Planning Group' on restructuring of the National Oil Industry with members comprising of top management from public and private sector and leading experts from academic and research institutes, has been formed. The group has not yet submitted its report.

(c) Government have approved the expansion/modernisation of the refineries as under:—

Refinery	Existing capacity MMTPA	Revised Capacity MMTPA	Cost of Project (Rs. Crores)
Digboi	0.50	0.65	346.34
BRPL	1.35	2.35	222.99

The projects are under various stages of implementation. The details of expenditure of these projects will be known only after the conclusion of the current financial year.

(d) The total production of petroleum products in current, year 1994-95 (April-January) is about 43.96 MMT and 3.5% increase has been noted as compared to the corresponding period (April-January) of the last year. The details of annual expenditure will be known only after conclusion of the current financial year.

Hire and production of oil rigs

2553. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. hires a large number of rigs for oil exploration;

(b) if so, the number of rigs of different countries hired and the rent paid, during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the average rate of rent in the internal market during each year;

(d) whether indigenous rigs are available in the country;

(e) if not, whether any attempt has ever been made to manufacture rigs in the country;